



# GWYN NEWS

## St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School

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INSPECTION 2008



Week Ending 23 November 2013

### Diary Date

**YEAR 12/13**

**Parent Evening**  
Thursday 28 November  
4-7pm

**Governors' Termly Meeting**  
Tuesday 3 December 6pm

**PTA Meeting**  
Wednesday 4 December  
6pm at school

**Year 10 Savio House**  
4 – 6 December

**S.V.P. Mass and Meal**  
Wednesday 11 December  
5-7pm

**Christmas Fayre**  
Church Of The  
Immaculate Conception Flint

**Saturday 14 December**  
11am-2pm

**Next Week-Timetable**  
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**Welsh Phrase**

**Mae'n wyntog!**

*It's windy!*

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### Visit to Toyota GB and Welsh Rally Service Centre GB

Last Friday 15 Year 10 and 11 Design and Technology students were invited to attend a guided tour of the Toyota Factory GB. Kitted out with appropriate personal protective equipment the students were given an informative tour of the whole factory and saw for themselves the training bays and actual lines producing engines. They were also given an insight into the philosophy of how all staff in all factories across the globe are involved in problem solving and how good practice is shared. This is a very efficient factory which produces an engine approximately every 50 seconds!!!



Many thanks to 'Gary', a Section Manager, who took the time to show the students around the plant.

The visit also included a guided tour of the service centre for this year's Welsh Rally. Unfortunately, all the cars were rallying, but the students were able to watch the rally



live on a giant screen, visit the service bays with all their equipment and listen to talks about types of fuel and tyres that are used. After the tour the guide said, that as a school we should be extremely proud of the students. Their behaviour was exemplary and very respectful. Thank you to Ed a volunteer Marshall and Guide for Welsh Rally GB.

The final part of the visit included speaking to staff at information stands from Coleg Cambria, Glyndŵr University, Deeside Paper and other institutions, who were encouraging students to take up technology. There were also some 'hands on' exhibits for the students to try.

Last 'thank you' goes to Mr Craddock for organising the visit, and Mr Owen who gave up his time to take the students there.

### Operation Christmas Child

Since 1990, more than 100 million boys and girls in over 130 countries have experienced the love of others through the power of simple shoe box gifts from Operation Christmas Child. St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School have been involved in helping this charity since it began. This year, as part of their Welsh Baccalaureate studies, Year 12 have co-ordinated the process at St Richard Gwyn. Over 160 boxes have been filled by the students. Mr Woodmansee, working with the Sixth Form students said, 'We are very proud of the work that all our students have undertaken to make the lives of others a little happier this Christmas.'





## Wonderful Achievement!

Congratulations to Year 7 Students who have achieved 100 merits this year.



## Church Of The Immaculate Conception, Flint Change of Mass Times

From the first Sunday of Advent Mass times will be

**6.00pm Saturday Evening**

**8.30 am Sunday Morning**

**10.30am Sunday Morning**

**Please note that there will no longer be a Sunday evening Mass.**

## Sacrament of Confirmation

Registration forms are now available for Year 7 students who are due to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2014. Forms can be collected from Fr Adrian after Sunday Mass or from Mrs McNally. The forms need to be returned by 9 December.

## Sports News

### National Taekwondo Success

Congratulations to Michael Pritchard Yr 11 on his excellent achievements at the Welsh National Taekwondo Championships held at Cardiff. Michael through hard work and dedication achieved three Gold medals and three silver medals. He is the Welsh U16 Black belt Sparring Champion. Michael who trains in Ruthin at Brynhyfryd Taekwondo Club, hopes to replicate his success at the British Championships again to be held in Cardiff in a few weeks. Well done and we wish you every success.

### Netball

Under 18 North East Wales netball trials are on 28 November at Connah's Quay High School not Castell Alun High School as previously arranged.

Well done to the KS3 netball teams who played against Flint High school on Tuesday.

Year 7 Lost 3-1

Year 8 Won 16-2

Year 9 Won 16-2

### Football

Congratulations to our Year 11 football team who made it through to the Flintshire Schools Football Final. After a closely contested first half the teams went in level at half time. SRG took the lead with a cool finish from Joe Palmer at the far post. Minutes later Rhys Cunnah added a second with an excellent free kick. Despite some late pressure from the home side, Buckley Elfed, the boys held on to win the game 2-0. We now look forward to the final which will be held at the Globe Stadium, Buckley, on Thursday 5 December.

## P.T.A. Quiz

Thank you to all those who supported the PTA quiz at the Catholic Club, Flint last night. The quiz was won by a superb team, 'Generally un knowledgeable' who obviously didn't live up to their name!!

## Year 10 Health Day

St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School recently welcomed visitors from a number of organisations to provide presentations for the Year 10 Health Day. The theatre group Cat's Paw gave a powerful presentation on the moral issues involved in relationships. This theme was further explored in a session led by Bethan Jones of Ty Hafan. Another theatre group Trap Door gave a thought provoking reflection on the misuse of steroids.

The school also welcomed the local police who presented informative sessions on the misuse of fire arms and how they use sniffer and tracker dogs in their work. Other sessions during the day included dealing with the issues of the dangers of alcohol and internet safety delivered by the school nurse and Flintshire Police Liaison Officers. Mrs Williams, Head of PSE who co-ordinated the day said, 'Days like this give the students an invaluable opportunity to learn about many different aspects of life. It is beneficial for them to experience the information presented to them in such a powerful way and enable them to make life choices'.

